

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the Amendments submitted herewith and the following remarks. An Amendment and Reply submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on June 6, 2007, in accordance with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 have not yet been considered. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued by the PTO on August 23, 2007, states that the Amendment submitted June 6, 2007 contains improper claim status identifiers. In this Amendment, Applicants have corrected the status identifier for claim 71 to indicate that this claim is "Currently Amended."

Applicants therefore submit that the present claims meet the requirements for amendments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, and respectfully request that the Amendments be entered and considered. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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